

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Persistent Widow

James B. Janknegt

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020 | 10:30 am Outdoor Worship Service

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.



Masks are required for all adults and strongly encouraged for children over the age of two. Disposable masks are available at welcome table.



Please maintain at least 6 feet from others not in your party while sitting and standing.



We extend a special welcome to any visitors worshiping with us today. Please help us get to know you better by filling out the online friendship register using the QR code below or by visiting sspres.org



As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

INTROIT

Here I Am, Lord
Congregation

HERE I AM (Schutte)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Refrain: Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

*Welcome to outdoor worship with St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today. Please be sure to wear your mask throughout our worship time as well as silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all **children are welcome** in worship. Following the anthem, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for KidZ Worship. Unfortunately, at this time, an on-site nursery is not available.*

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Amy Bishop, Pianist

arr. M. Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lift up your eyes, people of God.

ALL: We look to the hills, we stare into the desert, we gaze into the horizon - where is our help?

One: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

ALL: We lift up our eyes, and follow God's way. Let us worship God.

*HYMN (*found on page 4*)

KINGSFOLD

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

God of grace, we have not prayed continuously. We have become discouraged. You bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, yet we are quick to turn away when justice means adjusting the status quo. We are eager to overlook the injustices in this world because our personal lives are not changed. We think there is nothing we can do. Forgive us, O God. Give us grace and teach us again to follow you.

Silence for Personal Confession

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

∫ Andrew (Andy) and Susan Langan

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

*Annie Franklin Arvin, Brenda Haughney, Carol Kiernan, Ellen Kuehm
Fred Griffith, Nat Scott, Nicole Campbell, and Tom Haughney*

Cookeville, TN Mission Team

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

When we pray to God, we invite God to enter into our own lives and to open our hearts to where God is at work in the world around us.

ANTHEM

The Good Life
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Buryl Red

*Following the Anthem, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave with
Ms. Frieda for KidZ Worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

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“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Blessings in an Upside Down World: The Hungry and Thirsty

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is witness both by word and deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.

*OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Great is the Lord
Amy Bishop, Pianist

arr. M. Hayes

SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ways to Give. You can give your tithes and offerings electronically through text messaging or Venmo. Text the code “SSPC” and send to the number: 73256. Or give with Venmo by scanning the QR code on the left or by searching for @sspres. You can also mail or drop off checks or cash offering to the church office anytime M-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

(start date TBD)

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

Chris Pippart at cpipp109@gmail.com.

PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

Richard Hathaway at thehathaways2@comcast.net.

COVID Relief Fund

Direct assistance grants available to any resident of Glynn County financially impacted by the pandemic.

Annie F. Arvin at annie@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Community & Global Missions

Share God's love with service locally and globally. Missions include Angel Tree Christmas Gifts, Hunger Action Team, and summer mission trips.

Annie Arvin at annie@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

Sundays: KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during worship. (*Pre K-2nd*)

Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

Location varies week-to-week.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

Young Adults

TGIF/Faith on Tap

Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome.

Ada Owens at ada@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:00 AM via Zoom

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Please come for breakfast and a time of fellowship each week in the Britt Room prior to class.

Britt Class (Traditional)

Come & See (Discussion)

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM via Zoom

Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10AM at 218 Kings Way (outdoors)

Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle

All women are invited to join a PW Circle. Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254

Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com or (608) 220-8481

Music

Choir, Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Choirs for all ages, handbells, chimes and instruments remain an important part of the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

Rhonda Hambright at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, births, deaths, or prayer request, contact the church office at 912-638-2220. If you need pastoral care after hours please contact one of our pastors.

Rev. Alan Dyer 937-623-7963

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Kate Buckley 912-222-1757



If You Are New Here. Whether you are visiting from out-of-town, a seasonal resident, or searching for a church home, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship. We would love to get to know you better.



Safety. For the safety of all during this pandemic, we require that all adults wear masks throughout worship and strongly encourage masks for all children over the age of two. Please refrain from hugs, handshakes, or physical touch with other non-family members in attendance at today's worship. Extras masks and hand sanitizer are available for your use at the welcome station tables.



If You Are in Need of Prayer. Please let us know how we can be praying for you by visiting with a pastor or staff member before or after worship, or by visiting sspres.org/prayer.



Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspres.org/sermons.

ZOOM TRIVIA NIGHT



- **When:** Sunday, October 18
- **Time:** 6:30-7:30PM
- **Where:** Zoom

All are welcome and we will test your knowledge on a variety of topics from Bible knowledge to science and the arts.

ZOOM LINK AT SSPRES.ORG/ZOOM-TRIVIA-NIGHT

AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH

ANN & BUD

WEDNESDAY, OCT 21 | 6:15PM

Under the portico in the back parking lot at SSPC

PLEASE BRING A MASK
ALL ARE WELCOME!

children's SUNDAY

Sunday, October 25
10:30am | in-person worship
at Frederica Academy

Practice for Children's Sunday will
take place during Wednesday
night KidZ Crew at 4PM

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

WORSHIP & ORDINATION TO MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT FOR KATE BUCKLEY

SUNDAY, OCT 25 • 4PM • LIVE STREAM

All are invited to join us online for the ordination of our Parish Associate, Kate Buckley.

Dr. William P. Brown, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, will be preaching.

WATCH LIVE AT SSPRES.ORG/LIVESTREAM



SEASON OF SERVICE WITH SPARROW'S NEST

- Canned Chicken
- Tuna
- Vienna Sausage
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Chili or Pork & Beans
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Cereal or Breakfast Items
- Spaghettios/Ravioli
- Pasta Noodles
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Mac and Cheese
- Rice
- Instant Potatoes

DROP OFF THIS WEEK ON VERANDA AT SSPRES OR BRING TO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON OCT 25

This Week | October 18 - 23

Today, Oct 18

- 8:30 am **Live Stream Worship** - Online
- 9:00 am **Combined Sunday School** - Zoom
- 9:00 am **Britt Class** - Online
- 10:30 am **Outdoor Worship** - Frederica Academy
- 6:30 pm **Youth Gathering** - 2208 Bruce Dr, SSI
- 6:30 pm **Trivia Night** - Zoom

Monday, Oct 19

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Location Varies
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Zoom

Tuesday, Oct 20

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Zoom

Wednesday, Oct 21

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Zoom
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:15 pm **Evening with Ann & Bud** - Back Parking Lot
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Social Hall

Thursday, Oct 22

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - 218 Kings Way

Friday, Oct 23

No Activities Scheduled for this Day

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



J Andrew (Andy) and Susan Langan

J Andrew (Andy) and Susan Langan come to us as affiliate members from Winnetka, Illinois, where they are longtime members of Winnetka Presbyterian Church and each have served on the Session at that church for multiple terms. Andy is a mostly retired lawyer, having been a partner for many years with the Kirkland & Ellis law firm. Susan is a psychotherapist with her own practice. They have a Cottage on Sea Island where they spend several months a year and have been attending SSPC as visitors for several years when on the island. Their son Drew, age 25, is a 2017 graduate of Swarthmore College and is now a second year law student at Duke."

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

VOLUNTEER SETUP/TEARDOWN SUNDAY CREW

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG



To Ponder Prayerfully

The Apparatus of Prayer

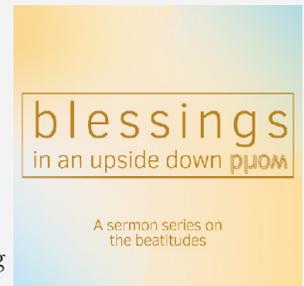
“P
RAYER IS THE LITTLE IMPLEMENT
THROUGH WHICH MEN REACH
WHERE PRESENCE-IS DENIED THEM.
THEY FLING THEIR SPEECH

BY MEANS OF IT-IN GOD’S EAR
IF THEN HE HEAR
THIS SUMS THE APPARATUS
COMPRISED IN PRAYER

-Emily Dickinson

The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson

Told through the lens of the beatitudes from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, our “Blessings In An Upside Down World” sermon series is an invitation to adjust our own vision for how we understand blessing as followers of Jesus Christ. In our day to day lives, the word “blessing” or “blessed” is most often used to describe some achievement or comfort or high point of our day (e.g., think all those pictures of sunsets and puppies and smiling faces on social media tagged #blessed). But throughout the scriptures we find that the word blessing is often turned on its head from what we might expect. Where do we find God’s blessing in our lives? And where are we called to share that blessing with others?



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St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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